HB 51 HD1
RELATING TO NOISE

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HB 51 HD1 would amend Chapter 342F, HRS, to provide for adoption of a statewide noise code which accounts for different noise level standards in urban and non-urban areas.

Our statement was prepared from comments submitted by the referenced authors, and represents the opinion of the Environmental Center. It does not necessarily represent the position of the University of Hawaii.

The present draft addresses concerns raised in our prior consideration of this measure that zoning and noise standards are not directly linked. However, background noise levels are different, ranging from 25 dBA in rural areas up to roughly twice that in cities. The noise sources are the same, i.e., motor vehicles. Thus, language on page 2, lines 1-2, may be difficult to interpret. Nevertheless, the need for a statewide code is evident. Thus, we support the intent of this measure, since it is apparent that the individual counties other than Honolulu are not inclined to implement noise management on their own.